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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

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1. EMBOFFS PRATT AND ANDERSON CALLED ON PRC COUNSELOR TS' AO AND TS' AI FANG- PAI MAY 8 TO DISCUSS ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION OPENING IN PARIS TODAY. INFORMATION PARA 1 REFTEL CONVEYED ORALLY TO TS' AO AND POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING PRC EMBASSY BY MAYOR ALIOTO DISCUSSED.

2. TS' AO SAID HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED CABLE FROM KARL KATZ OF METROPOLITAN IN NEW YORK INDICATING HE WOULD BE IN PARIS FOR EXHIBITION AND HAD DISCUSSED WITH PRC UN MISSION POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH PRC EMBASSY REPS HERE. TS' AO AGREED WITH EMBOFFS THAT MOST EFFECTIVE COURSE OF ACTION FOR AMERICANS INTERESTED IN HOSTING EXHIBIT WOULD BE TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS WITH DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US- CHINA RELATIONS, ADDING THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE WOULD SEE MAYOR ALIOTO OR OTHERS ON COURTESY BASIS IF INTRODUCED BY US EMBASSY. WHEN EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT SIMPLY PROVIDE TS' AO'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO OTHERS SEEKING TO MAKE CONTACT, TS' AO DECLINED SAYING THERE MIGHT BE QUITE A NUMBER OF SUCH REQUESTS AND HE " COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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HELPFUL INFORMATION."

3. WE WILL DISCUSS CHINESE VIEWS WITH MAYOR ALIOTO IF HE CONTACTS US, AND IF HE CONTINUES TO SEEK APPOINTMENT

WITH PRC EMBASSY WE WILL ARRANGE IT. IN RESPONSE TO
OTHER REQUESTS WE WILL EXPLAIN CHINESE POSITION AND TELL
THEM WE NOT ABLE TO ASSIST IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS. WILL
REQUEST SPECIAL GUIDANCE IF NECESSARY.
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